

Introduced by Senator Soto

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 8—Relative to the federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Act.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 8, as introduced, Soto. Federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Act.

This measure would request Congress and the President to fully restore federal Enhancing Education Through Technology Act funding to the amount originally authorized under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, All California school districts receiving funds
- 2 from federal Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT)
- 3 Act grants utilize those funds to close the achievement gap,
- 4 enhance data systems to support accountability, and provide the
- 5 training necessary for teachers to become highly qualified users
- 6 of technology, in order to support pupil learning; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Federal EETT Act funds are the primary source
- 8 of technology funds for school districts; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Professional development for teachers to
- 10 effectively use technology and high-speed networks is
- 11 well-documented and the need for that training is addressed with
- 12 federal EETT Act funding; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Evaluations show that federal EETT Act fundings
- 14 results in measurable improvements in teaching practice and
- 15 pupil learning; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Access to software, Web courses, virtual learning,
- 17 and other technology-based learning solutions that are aligned to

1 standards strengthen basic skills and increase academic
2 achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, Federal EETT Act funding has increased access
4 to, and the effective use of, technology by rural and underserved
5 pupils; and

6 WHEREAS, The federal EETT Act has provided models for
7 effective instructional practices with technology; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal EETT Act is increasing the use of
9 technology to support, and align with, California content
10 standards; and

11 WHEREAS, Federal EETT Act projects have consistently and
12 significantly expanded and enriched learning opportunities for
13 pupils; and

14 WHEREAS, Technology is critical in implementing major
15 federal education programs, including the federal No Child Left
16 Behind Act of 2001, the federal Individuals with Disabilities
17 Education Act, and the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical
18 Education Act of 1998; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of*
20 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature requests Congress and
21 the President to fully restore federal Enhancing Education
22 Through Technology Act funding to the amount originally
23 authorized under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001;
24 and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.